

The Herald and News

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Five Hundred Millions of Diamonds in the United States.

[Frank S. Arnett, in Ainslee's.]

"The complete splendor of such jewels as those stolen from the Burdons is revealed only on the rare occasions of fancy dress balls. These occur only in a decade or so; indeed, there have been but two that will hold for all time a pride in New York's social history—that given in 1883, at her residence at 52d street and 5th avenue, by Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, now Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, and the one given by Mrs. Bradley-Martin fourteen years later at the Waldorf. The latter gorgeous and spectacular function was so denounced from the pulpit for its display of riches and extravagance—several clerical gentlemen even terming it an incentive to anarchy—that probably it will be many a day before we shall again have the Four Hundred arrayed in such purple and fine linen. "Fine linen, did I say? Why, the Field of the Cloth of Gold, arranged by that pauper, Francis the First, should be stricken in shame from the annals of France. On such occasions as these many women, viewed from the front, appear to be solidly armored in diamonds or pearls; others, as Joan of Arc, are clothed with cuirass, helmet and gauntlets of solid silver; still others, at a loss for novelty, jingle with coverings of gold coins; heavy bands of gold wind around waists and wrists, and twine about bare arms from wrist to shoulder; jeweled lyres, pheasants and peacocks gleam gorgeously in many coiffures; gowns are embroidered almost to the hips with a dazzling glitter of all known precious stones; giant girdles and great ropes of diamonds and priceless pearls are tossed about in the movement of the dance; diamonds and pearls glittering everywhere, at throat, on the buckles of dainty shoes, covering sleeves in a perfect network, tipping the thousand-stringed fringe of a scarf; while a hundred women wear, not unbecomingly, crowns of diamonds that only one European Empress might not envy—\$20,000,000 in precious stones brought together on a single evening to make blinding the beauty of these queens of American society.

"You think the amount exaggerated? Mrs. John Jacob Astor, third, frequently wore \$750,000 worth of jewels at an ordinary reception, and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt fully \$50,000 at a mere garden party. Pearl necklaces alone worth from \$75,000 to \$100,000 are not uncommon, one that cost \$320,000 being occasionally seen, and more than one woman has \$1,000,000 in gems from which to choose. Let me tabulate the value of the jewelry owned by comparatively a small number of New York society women:

"Mrs. William Astor.....\$1,500,000
Mrs. John Jacob Astor.....1,000,000
Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr. 1,000,000
Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr. 1,000,000
Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont.....1,000,000
Mrs. John W. Mackay.....1,000,000
Mrs. Bradley-Martin.....500,000
Mrs. Perry Belmont.....500,000
Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs.....500,000
Mrs. Orme Wilson.....500,000
Mrs. Ogden Goetz.....500,000
Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay.....500,000
Mrs. Levi P. Morton.....500,000
Mrs. Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt 500,000
Mrs. James A. Barden.....500,000
Mrs. William Starr Miller.....500,000
Mrs. Frederick Vanderbilt.....500,000
Mrs. George Vanderbilt.....500,000
Mrs. W. Seward Webb.....500,000
Mrs. William D. Sloane.....500,000
Mrs. Elliot F. Shepard.....500,000
Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney.....500,000
Mrs. George Jay Gould.....500,000
Mrs. Charles M. Oelrichs.....500,000
Mrs. Philip Rhinelanders.....500,000
Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes.....500,000
Mrs. H. McKay Twombly.....500,000
Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish.....500,000
Mrs. Ernesto Fabrik.....500,000
Mrs. David Hennen Morris.....500,000
Mrs. Edwin Gould.....500,000
Mrs. Oliver Hariman, Jr.....500,000
Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr. 500,000
Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. 200,000

\$22,250,000

"Here are the names of only thirty-four women, chosen almost at random, whose precious stones and jewelry are valued at \$22,250,000. It can easily be shown that the figures are not unreasonable. The average annual importation of precious stones into the United States has for a long time been about \$15,000,000. Thus during only the past ten years we have received \$150,000,000 in gems. Mr. Leopold Stern, the diamond importer, informed me that of the remainder fully two thirds have

been sold to families and individuals in New York. This means that in the past ten years New Yorkers have bought \$50,000,000 worth of precious stones, this sum not including the cost of their setting. Mr. George F. Kunz, the gem expert of the Tiffany Company, says that in the entire country the diamonds alone are valued at \$500,000,000, and that of this amount \$170,000,000 worth are owned in New York."

A WOMAN'S LETTER.

It Almost Makes a Man Stand on His Head to Read It.

Girls' ways are a mystery to men. They admit the fact frankly, and it is only a very occasional man who tries to make himself or his friends believe that he understands the other sex. The proverbial woman's "no" which means "yes" and which after all these years is only just beginning to be comprehended by masculine minds is only one of a long array of "woman's ways" (that are difficult for men to solve. They have decided that the best policy is to let them remain unsolved; that perhaps these little mysteries are just a part of life and are meant to be.

There is one funny little thing about girls, however, which men are not content to let alone. They cannot see any sense in it; it is not even amusing or interesting in any way, and it consequently puts them in a bad humor, and it is the way the girls write, not their style of handwriting, but the fact that is one cause of complaint, but the, to them unjustifiable, meaningless numbering of pages.

To see a man struggling over one of those angular hands, fighting his way through the first page, then trying to make the bit of gossip which breaks off suddenly at the foot fit on to a new recipe for his chafing dish began on the second page; to see him struggling over it for awhile, turn with growing despair to the third page that begins with "the weather is colder," etc., and at last find the piece of gossip finished on the fourth page—such a sight is worth a price of admission.

But let his wrath have time to cool a little and then watch him read a second letter from another girl. This time he gets bravely through the first page, with its m's and n's and n's and it's all exactly alike, reads with interest the last line, "Agnes thinks you are," and turns at once with an air of wisdom and serenity to the fourth page, where he continues, "a little yellow dog had seen its best days." He fairly jumps from his chair. Has the gentle Agnes gone mad? He reads little further and finds his mistake.

Then he turns in relief to the second page to see what Agnes really

thinks he is and finds "tied with pink ribbon and done up in tissue paper." This is somewhat better. He really believes he would prefer being tied up with pink ribbon than to be "a yellow dog that had seen its best days," but still the opinion is not entirely satisfactory or the one he had cherished a vain hope that Agnes had of him, and he naturally vents his disappointment and chagrin on his fair correspondent.

It is not for a woman to say that woman's ways are not good ways. She believes in her sex and is willing to let men struggle with their attempts to understand her actions. But in a little thing like this she believes that women are making a mistake and that a reform in letter writing would be to their credit.

It is a growing custom now to write straight along, with no skipping about in a helter skelter fashion, and it is to be hoped that we may grow more and more into this commendable fashion and by so doing retain the respect of our masculine friends.—Philadelphia Ledger.

REFUSED BRIBE OF \$100,000.

Death of a Washington Man who said he was Urged to Poison President Lincoln.

[Philadelphia Ledger.]

Washington January 24.—James Alman, who once refused a bribe of \$100,000 to put poison in cream which he served to Abraham Lincoln in dead in this city. He was a well known and respected citizen. For many years he guarded carefully the fact that he was in any way mixed up with any plot or attempt on the life of President Lincoln, and only a few friends knew of the affair. Some months ago, however, he made the following statement:

"I knew and loved Mr. Lincoln, and thought at first that the offer of \$100,000 to poison him was a joke. At that time I was running a dairy where the bureau of engraving and printing now is, and my family occupied a house which was torn down when the property was bought for its present purposes. Among my regular customers were President Lincoln, Secretary Stanton and many other gentlemen in official life. It was his habit in the early spring to walk over in the morning to Secretary Stanton's and take a cup of coffee with him, while they discussed public matters. He generally went to the Secretary's about 5 or 6 o'clock, and sometimes earlier than that. I had received instructions from the Secretary's family to be sure to get around every morning early enough to leave cream for the President's coffee.

"One morning in the early part of April—not two weeks before the President was assassinated—I was driving along in my wagon, when two men stopped me, and one of them asked if I didn't want to make \$100,000 easy and quick. I scarcely knew what to say, but I told him that I guessed I did, if it could be done on the level. Well, he then asked me if I could keep a secret, and I told him I thought I could. Then he got right close up to me, leaning over the side of the wagon, and said:

"Well, my man, here's \$100,000 in good money. Every cent of it is yours if you will take this little box of powder and put it in the cream you serve to President Lincoln this morning. Pour out the cream in the measure, and put this powder in it. Nobody will ever suspect anything, and the \$100,000 is yours."

"He showed a tremendous roll of money, and it looked mighty nice, but I didn't want any of that kind. If it had been as large as the treasury building it would not have tempted me."

Headquarters South Carolina Division—United Confederate Veterans.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 27th, 1902.

General Orders No. 50.

I. The attention of the Commandants of this Division is earnestly invited to the eloquent appeal in General Order No. 203, issued by our beloved Commander, Gen. John B. Gordon. In this order he asks the aid of every Confederate Veteran to assist the noble woman of the Confederacy in the holy work they have undertaken, of erecting a monument to our martyred chieftain, Jefferson Davis. Words are not needed to stir in every Confederate heart, a full sense of his individual, and our collective, duty to pay this tribute to our leader, tho' the cause for which he sacrificed so much is the "Lost Cause." His devoted widow survives him, and she is looking to the reunion

with her husband, our chief, who she goes to join her noble husband on the farther shore, let her be able to tell him that his people, loyal to his memory, appreciative of his matchless devotion to their cause, have completed this tribute to him, and through him, to the cause we all loved and for which, with noble manhood he suffered, even to the ignominy of having his feeble limbs shackled.

The monument to our leader, Jefferson Davis, is also one to the cause he led. It is a tribute not only to one great man, but to the thousands of heroes who gave their lives, their all, for the noblest cause that has ever nerved the strong arms of patriots—who upheld it with such magnificent devotion.

II. Your Division Commander calls attention to Gen. Gordon's request for each Camp of the U. C. V. to voluntarily contribute \$1 for each member of the Camp. It is unfortunate that some of our comrades cannot contribute this \$1. To supply this let there be some organized effort of the Camp. Some species of entertainment be devised by which an amount could be raised to enable each Camp to contribute \$1 for each comrade of the Camp.

III. All amounts contributed in South Carolina should go through the lady who has our State for her field of work, that the State may have full credit for the work of her people. Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Alice A. G. Palmer, Charleston, S. C., representing the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, composed of the noble band of women who have since 1865 zealously cared for the graves of our sacred dead, or to Mrs. Augustine T. Smythe, Charleston, S. C., representing the Daughters of the Confederacy, an organization which is so grandly working to perpetuate the glorious memories of our cause, to chronicle the heroism of our fallen comrades.

By order
C. Irvine Walker,
Comdg. S. C. Div. U. C. V.
James G. Holmes,
Adj. Gen., Chief of Staff.

A Good Hearted Man,

or in other words, men with good sound hearts, are not very numerous. The increasing number of sudden deaths from heart disease daily chronicled by the press, is proof of the alarming prevalence of this dangerous complaint, and as no one can foretell just when a fatal collapse will occur, the danger of neglecting treatment is certainly a very risky matter. If you are short of breath, have pain in left side, smothering spells, palpitation, unable to lie on side, especially the left, you should begin taking

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure.
J. A. Kremer, of Arkansas City, Kans., says: "My heart was so bad it was impossible for me to lie down, and I could not sleep at night. My decline was rapid, and I realized I must get help soon. I was advised to try Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, which I did, and candidly believe it saved my life."

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Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

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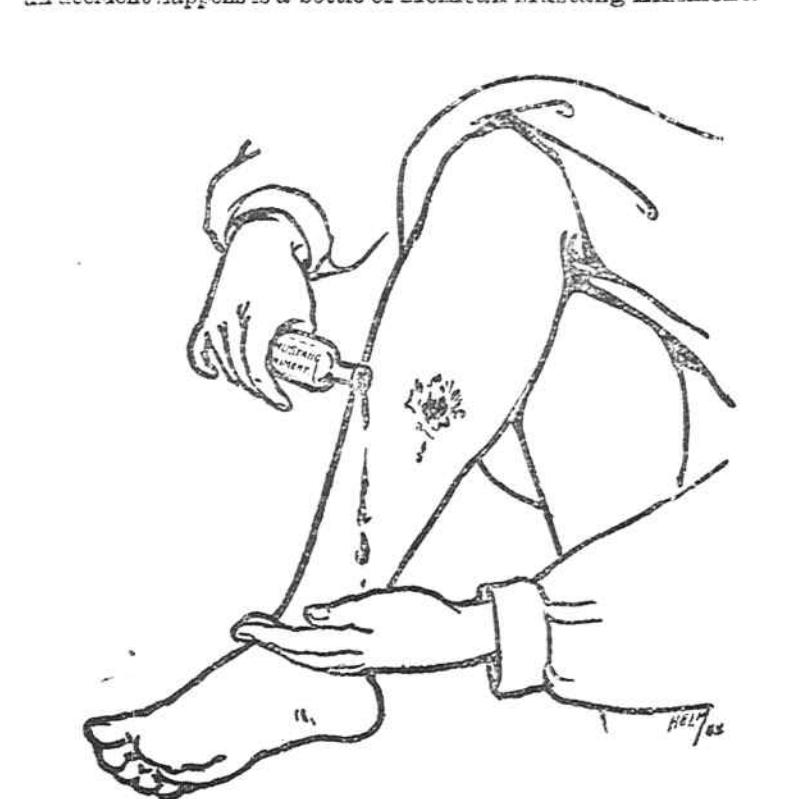
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Any veteran, who contemplates attending the Reunion at Dallas, April 22nd to 25th, will receive a handsome picture of General Robert E. Lee, and a copy of his farewell address (suitable for framing), if he will send us his name and address, and the name and address of the Camp to which he belongs.

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